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New Burdens payment for the implementation of the 2016 benefit cap changes

Introduction

1. This circular is to inform you of the additional funding of £14.7 million that has been secured to support the costs of implementing the 2016 benefit cap changes.

Background

2. In the Chancellor's Summer Budget statement on 8 July 2015, he announced the benefit cap will be lowered. The maximum amount of out-of-work benefits working age families can receive will be £20,000, (£13,400 for single adults with no children) and in Greater London the cap will be £23,000 (£15,410 for single adults with no children).

Funding details

3. Funding is intended to meet New Burdens incurred by local authorities (LAs) as a result of the implementation of this welfare reform, and for 2016/17 will equate to circa £14.7 million, made up of £11.1 million for the initial costs of applying the new cap and £3.6 million for on-going costs. The funding has largely been based on what was originally in place, and has been agreed through consultation with the Local Authority Association Steering Group.
4. The amounts shown at Annex A have been allocated based on the expected number of households in scope for the benefit cap, within each LA. These payments have now been processed and should be paid into LA bank accounts on Monday 11 July.

Funding activities

5. The funding reflects assumptions about the likely effects of the change, likely take-up of support, and the potential unit costs to LAs of the additional activities required.
6. The new burdens funding, previously in place for three years, was considered in light of the activities required by LAs supporting the delivery of the new cap, along with application of the revised volumes, and broadly constituted of the following:
 - **Initial costs** – costs faced by LAs in relation to the staff training/awareness, the processing of claims and availability of support on all capped cases
 - **On-going costs** – costs for 4 months, associated largely with new claims and changes of circumstances.

7. If you should have any queries about this circular or your payment please contact us using the following email address: la-sst.hdd@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Annex A

Allocation of funding

Local Authority	New Burdens Amount
Aberdeen	£37,119.10
Aberdeenshire	£17,949.04
Adur	£14,896.48
Allerdale	£9,157.67
Amber Valley	£23,077.33
Angus	£12,210.23
Argyll and Bute	£7,692.44
Arun	£26,129.89
Ashfield	£29,060.34
Ashford	£27,595.12
Aylesbury Vale	£25,030.97
Babergh	£9,890.29
Barking & Dagenham	£87,593.74
Barnet	£142,097.76
Barnsley	£44,613.73
Barrow in Furness	£10,012.39
Basildon	£55,556.54
Basingstoke and Deane	£29,670.86
Bassetlaw	£17,262.82
Bath & North East Somerset	£26,618.30
Bedford	£52,137.68
Bexley	£45,788.36
Birmingham	£657,967.72
Blaby	£7,448.24
Blackburn with Darwen	£46,887.28
Blackpool	£51,160.86
Blaenau Gwent	£14,820.78
Bolsover	£12,820.74
Bolton	£82,296.94
Boston	£11,721.82
Bournemouth	£51,695.67
Bracknell Forest	£21,123.70
Bradford	£170,012.78
Braintree	£23,932.05
Breckland	£14,774.38
Brent	£251,088.70
Brentwood	£9,523.98
Bridgend	£35,165.46
Brighton and Hove	£98,582.95
Bristol	£118,241.41
Broadland	£8,302.96
Bromley	£40,904.27
Bromsgrove	£10,012.39
Broxbourne	£33,700.23

Broxtowe	£11,111.31
Burnley	£21,001.59
Bury	£30,037.16
Caerphilly	£44,201.03
Calderdale	£51,649.27
Cambridge	£21,292.20
Camden	£97,117.72
Cannock Chase	£17,995.44
Canterbury	£25,885.69
Cardiff	£163,494.96
Carlisle	£16,972.22
Carmarthenshire	£30,816.18
Castle Point	£16,972.22
Central Bedfordshire	£38,218.02
Ceredigion	£7,814.55
Charnwood	£18,071.14
Chelmsford	£32,479.21
Cheltenham	£15,751.20
Cherwell	£27,839.32
Cheshire East	£49,864.13
Cheshire West and Chester	£44,613.73
Chesterfield	£17,826.93
Chichester	£18,559.55
Chiltern	£10,989.21
Chorley	£13,919.66
Christchurch	£5,372.50
City of London	£1,831.53
Clackmannanshire	£15,018.58
Colchester	£39,072.73
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£2,808.35
Conwy	£20,879.49
Copeland	£7,204.03
Corby	£12,698.64
Cornwall	£100,751.48
Cotswold	£7,081.93
Coventry	£124,422.23
Craven	£2,564.15
Crawley	£43,468.41
Croydon	£125,445.45
Dacorum	£41,561.18
Darlington	£28,449.83
Dartford	£19,414.26
Daventry	£8,913.47
Denbighshire	£24,298.36
Derby	£78,069.76
Derbyshire Dales	£4,151.48
Doncaster	£76,802.34
Dover	£20,757.39
Dudley	£69,644.70

Dumfries and Galloway	£15,384.89
Dundee	£34,188.64
Durham	£93,408.25
Ealing	£219,906.22
East Ayrshire	£18,559.55
East Cambridgeshire	£8,913.47
East Devon	£11,843.92
East Dorset	£7,006.23
East Dunbartonshire	£8,913.47
East Hampshire	£9,768.18
East Hertfordshire	£17,338.52
East Lindsey	£20,391.08
East Lothian	£13,431.25
East Northamptonshire	£15,262.79
East Renfrewshire	£6,105.11
East Riding of Yorkshire	£32,357.11
East Staffordshire	£20,268.98
Eastbourne	£19,536.37
Eastleigh	£16,605.91
Eden	£3,540.97
Edinburgh	£136,021.95
Elmbridge	£24,420.46
Enfield	£200,049.95
Epping Forest	£28,984.64
Epsom and Ewell	£15,506.99
Erewash	£26,251.99
Exeter	£18,925.85
Falkirk	£14,163.87
Fareham	£10,867.10
Fenland	£25,030.97
Fife	£67,156.26
Flintshire	£25,030.97
Forest Heath	£8,913.47
Forest of Dean	£12,088.13
Fylde	£ 4,639.89
Gateshead	£ 40,049.55
Gedling	£15,384.89
Glasgow	£174,286.36
Gloucester	£31,258.19
Gosport	£16,850.12
Gravesham	£25,687.88
Great Yarmouth	£20,391.08
Greenwich	£62,074.36
Guildford	£23,809.95
Gwynedd	£15,721.89
Hackney	£199,927.84
Halton	£31,380.29
Hambleton	£8,302.96
Hammersmith and Fulham	£91,378.91

Harborough	£4,273.58
Haringey	£140,173.43
Harlow	£28,740.44
Harrogate	£7,936.65
Harrow	£57,922.88
Hart	£8,791.36
Hartlepool	£37,851.71
Hastings	£33,089.72
Havant	£21,367.90
Havering	£49,451.43
Herefordshire	£25,885.69
Hertsmere	£31,136.08
High Peak	£9,279.77
Highland	£18,925.85
Hillingdon	£78,389.67
Hinckley and Bosworth	£9,157.67
Horsham	£15,995.40
Hounslow	£82,785.35
Huntingdonshire	£21,490.00
Hyndburn	£16,850.12
Inverclyde	£13,187.05
Ipswich	£36,508.58
Isle of Anglesey	£11,966.02
Isle of Wight	£23,199.43
Isles of Scilly	£0.00
Islington	£101,269.20
Kensington and Chelsea	£87,303.14
Kettering	£17,338.52
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£21,612.10
Kingston upon Hull	£79,732.79
Kingston upon Thames	£37,119.10
Kirklees	£77,168.65
Knowsley	£48,643.11
Lambeth	£96,582.91
Lancaster	£25,397.28
Leeds	£188,525.93
Leicester	£119,416.04
Lewes	£22,466.82
Lewisham	£104,810.16
Lichfield	£10,867.10
Lincoln	£25,397.28
Liverpool	£147,255.36
Luton	£95,774.59
Maidstone	£30,816.18
Maldon	£6,349.32
Malvern Hills	£8,669.26
Manchester	£196,828.89
Mansfield	£25,275.17
Medway	£91,867.32

Melton	£6,227.22
Mendip	£12,745.04
Merthyr Tydfil	£12,088.13
Merton	£41,026.37
Mid Devon	£7,936.65
Mid Suffolk	£8,302.96
Mid Sussex	£16,117.50
Middlesbrough	£74,482.40
Midlothian	£19,414.26
Milton Keynes	£74,238.19
Mole Valley	£10,378.69
Monmouthshire	£13,553.35
Moray	£6,105.11
Neath Port Talbot	£31,746.59
New Forest	£24,298.36
Newark and Sherwood	£17,826.93
Newcastle under Lyme	£17,844.03
Newcastle upon Tyne	£91,501.01
Newham	£133,626.30
Newport	£54,579.72
North Ayrshire	£36,508.58
North Devon	£10,745.00
North Dorset	£7,936.65
North East Derbyshire	£8,547.16
North East Lincolnshire	£56,335.55
North Hertfordshire	£20,391.08
North Kesteven	£9,035.57
North Lanarkshire	£44,445.23
North Lincolnshire	£33,211.82
North Norfolk	£9,279.77
North Somerset	£37,729.61
North Tyneside	£30,769.78
North Warwickshire	£6,959.83
North West Leicestershire	£11,233.41
Northampton	£56,411.26
Northumberland	£45,299.95
Norwich	£29,182.45
Nottingham	£140,661.84
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£23,932.05
Oadby and Wigston	£5,494.60
Oldham	£62,516.37
Orkney	£1,465.23
Oxford	£54,091.31
Pembrokeshire	£17,826.93
Pendle	£13,431.25
Perth and Kinross	£11,477.62
Peterborough	£56,701.86
Plymouth	£52,108.37
Poole	£29,106.74

Portsmouth	£69,109.90
Powys	£10,256.59
Preston	£31,746.59
Purbeck	£5,616.71
Reading	£81,610.73
Redbridge	£63,126.88
Redcar and Cleveland	£42,613.70
Redditch	£11,599.72
Reigate and Banstead	£22,681.72
Renfrewshire	£21,490.00
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£44,445.23
Ribble Valley	£3,663.07
Richmondshire	£4,761.99
Richmond upon Thames	£25,885.69
Rochdale	£57,510.18
Rochford	£11,966.02
Rossendale	£10,622.90
Rother	£15,629.09
Rotherham	£59,998.62
Rugby	£12,576.54
Runnymede	£16,117.50
Rushcliffe	£5,372.50
Rushmoor	£19,780.57
Rutland	£1,465.23
Ryedale	£6,471.42
Salford	£66,667.85
Sandwell	£115,310.96
Scarborough	£15,873.30
Scottish Borders	£9,936.68
Sedgemoor	£17,704.83
Sefton	£40,049.55
Selby	£7,692.44
Sevenoaks	£19,780.57
Sheffield	£122,102.29
Shepway	£24,908.87
Shetland	£732.61
Shropshire	£42,369.49
Slough	£67,202.66
Solihull	£31,792.99
South Ayrshire	£19,170.06
South Bucks	£12,698.64
South Cambridgeshire	£9,890.29
South Derbyshire	£10,256.59
South Gloucestershire	£39,683.24
South Hams	£5,128.30
South Holland	£12,088.13
South Kesteven	£16,728.01
South Lakeland	£5,128.30
South Lanarkshire	£48,596.71

South Norfolk	£15,140.68
South Northamptonshire	£3,785.17
South Oxfordshire	£16,361.71
South Ribble	£12,454.43
South Somerset	£21,978.41
South Staffordshire	£9,035.57
South Tyneside	£37,653.90
Southampton	£74,848.70
Southend on Sea	£59,830.12
Southwark	£85,227.40
Spelthorne	£28,327.73
St Albans	£21,612.10
St Edmundsbury	£20,803.79
St Helens	£44,445.23
Stafford	£12,210.23
Staffordshire Moorlands	£6,837.73
Stevenage	£23,565.74
Stirling	£7,936.65
Stockport	£40,904.27
Stockton on Tees	£56,167.05
Stoke on Trent	£88,907.56
Stratford on Avon	£10,012.39
Stroud	£11,966.02
Suffolk Coastal	£12,942.84
Sunderland	£60,242.83
Surrey Heath	£9,081.97
Sutton	£23,443.64
Swale	£43,759.02
Swansea	£49,131.52
Swindon	£48,032.60
Tameside	£57,754.38
Tamworth	£13,064.94
Tandridge	£14,896.48
Taunton Deane	£15,384.89
Teignbridge	£12,576.54
Telford and Wrekin	£60,318.53
Tendring	£52,992.39
Test Valley	£15,629.09
Tewkesbury	£10,134.49
Thanet	£31,060.38
Three Rivers	£17,582.73
Thurrock	£66,179.44
Tonbridge and Malling	£24,908.87
Torbay	£32,647.71
Torfaen	£26,251.99
Torridge	£9,570.38
Tower Hamlets	£150,476.42
Trafford	£33,456.03
Tunbridge Wells	£19,047.96

Uttlesford	£8,151.55
Vale of Glamorgan	£24,054.15
Vale of White Horse	£17,751.23
Wakefield	£73,551.98
Walsall	£110,839.57
Waltham Forest	£103,955.45
Wandsworth	£102,368.12
Warrington	£25,885.69
Warwick	£12,942.84
Watford	£40,462.26
Waveney	£24,176.25
Waverley	£15,018.58
Wealden	£20,071.17
Wellingborough	£16,972.22
Welwyn Hatfield	£25,519.38
West Berkshire	£30,037.16
West Devon	£3,907.27
West Dorset	£10,134.49
West Dunbartonshire	£23,809.95
West Lancashire	£13,919.66
West Lindsey	£16,117.50
West Lothian	£21,367.90
West Oxfordshire	£14,163.87
West Somerset	£3,540.97
Westminster	£131,428.46
Weymouth and Portland	£14,163.87
Wigan	£42,369.49
Wiltshire	£52,184.08
Winchester	£14,041.76
Windsor and Maidenhead	£21,612.10
Wirral	£70,941.43
Woking	£20,391.08
Wokingham	£16,972.22
Wolverhampton	£102,048.21
Worcester	£21,612.10
Worthing	£21,001.59
Wrexham	£22,955.23
Wychavon	£12,820.74
Wycombe	£36,752.79
Wyre	£14,896.48
Wyre Forest	£17,704.83
York	£19,414.26